



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 539**

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Substitute House Resolution No. 10

*House of Representatives, April 8, 2015*

The House Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. JUTILA of the 37th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute resolution ought to be adopted.

## ***RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONNECTICUT-TAIWAN SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP.***

Resolved by this House:

1 WHEREAS, the state of Connecticut and the Republic of China  
2 (Taiwan) have enjoyed a long history of friendship and have  
3 maintained the fruitful sister-state relationship encompassing cultural,  
4 educational and economic exchanges for many years; and

5 WHEREAS, the state of Connecticut exported 128.6 million dollars'  
6 worth of products to Taiwan in 2013, making Taiwan one of the major  
7 foreign markets for Connecticut, and will keep further strengthening  
8 our economic ties; and

9 WHEREAS, as a full-fledged democracy and robust free market  
10 economy, Taiwan shares with the United States the principles and  
11 values that provide a strong foundation for mutually beneficial  
12 relations; and

13 WHEREAS, Taiwan's inclusion in the United States Visa Waiver  
14 Program on November 1, 2012, allows Taiwan and the United States,  
15 including the sister-state of Connecticut, to develop closer relations  
16 and to witness rapid growth in all areas of bilateral development; and

17 WHEREAS, Taiwan is one of the strongest democratic allies of the  
18 United States in Asia and spares no effort to maintain peace and  
19 prosperity in East Asia as evidenced by the East China Sea Peace  
20 Initiative proposed by President Ma Ying-jeou; and

21 WHEREAS, the United States has assisted Taiwan in participating  
22 in the World Health Assembly (WHA) as an observer in 2009, and will  
23 continue supporting Taiwan's participation in other United Nations-  
24 affiliated organizations such as the International Civil Aviation  
25 Organization (ICAO) and the United Nations Framework Convention  
26 on Climate Change (UNFCCC); and

27 WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan share a long-term and  
28 close economic relationship, including 62 billion dollars in bilateral  
29 trade in 2014, making Taiwan the tenth largest trading partner of the  
30 United States; and

31 WHEREAS, in order to strengthen the bilateral trade relations with  
32 the United States, the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan)  
33 has expressed its wish to participate in the Trans-Pacific Strategic  
34 Economic Partnership Agreement (TTP) and to sign a Bilateral  
35 Investment Agreement (BIA) and a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with  
36 the United States in the near future.

37 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut House  
38 of Representatives pause in its deliberations to recognize the sixteenth  
39 anniversary of the Connecticut-Taiwan Sister-State Relationship, and  
40 reiterate its support of a closer economic and trade partnership  
41 between the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan); and

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the House of  
43 Representatives cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to President

44 Ma Ying-jeou of the Republic of China through the Taipei Economic  
45 and Cultural Office in New York.

***Statement of Legislative Commissioners:***

In the next to last paragraph, "Connnecticut" was changed to  
"Connecticut" for accuracy.

***GAE***      *House Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 16 \$
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Cost	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

There is a minimal cost to Legislative Management to prepare the offset/loose bills.

**The Out Years**

Since this is a one-time expenditure, there is no out year cost.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONNECTICUT-TAIWAN SISTER-STATE  
RELATIONSHIP.***

**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Resolutions.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

House Favorable

Yea    12    Nay   0    (03/18/2015)